

REMARKS

Claims 5-8 and 12-25 are pending in this application. Claims 5-8 have been withdrawn from consideration as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Claims 1-4 and 9-11 are cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 1-4 have been rewritten as new claims 12-17 to remove non-elected subject matter, and to more clearly set forth the invention. Claims 9-11 have been cancelled without prejudice, and rewritten as new claims 18-25 to remove non-elected subject matter and to more clearly set forth the invention.

Support for the new claims is apparent from the teachings of the specification and the original claims. Specifically, support can be found in the specification on page 8, page 11, lines 8-10; pages 19-23; the Examples; and claims as originally filed. Additionally, new claims 16 and 17, find support in Table 1, Nos. 21 and 22, on page 16 of the specification. No new matter has been added.

The specification has been corrected on pages 6, 10, 37, and 38, to correct minor errors. The amendments to pages 37 and 38, find support in the specification in Example 6 and Table 14. The amendment to page 6 finds support at page 8, line 2 of the specification and in the claims as originally filed. Support for page 10 as amended is found at page 10 of the specification, and in the claims as originally filed. No new matter has been added.

Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments, newly presented claims, and the following remarks.

I. At page 2 of the Official Action, the drawings have been objected to.

The Examiner states that a proposed drawing correction is required responsive to the objection, but that formal correction may be deferred. Accordingly, filed herewith please find a Proposed Drawing Correction, correcting the defect noted in Figure 2.

II. At page 3 of the Official Action, claims 1-4 and 9-11 have been objected to as containing non-elected subject matter, and because claims 1 and 9 contain grammatical errors.

Claims 12-17 have been drafted to remove the non-elected subject matter, to correct the noted grammatical error, and to more clearly set forth the invention. Thus, this objection is rendered moot.

III. At page 3 of the Official Action, claims 2-3 and 9-11 have been rejected under , 35 USC § 112, as being indefinite.

The new claims have been drafted to overcome each ground of criticism set forth by the Examiner.

In view of the newly presented claims, and the remarks set forth above, it is submitted that the subject claims are clear and definite within the meaning of 35 USC § 112, second paragraph. Thus, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw this rejection.


In view of the foregoing new claims, amended claims, and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance. Such allowance is solicited.

If the Examiner has any questions regarding this Response, the application in general, or has any suggestions for placing the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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